

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for inventory management utilizing a network-based framework,
2 comprising:
 - 3 a) receiving data from a plurality of stores of a supply chain utilizing a network, the
4 data relating to an amount of goods sold by the stores;
 - 5 b) identifying a recipe associated with each of the goods;
 - 6 c) calculating information on processed products required to produce the goods
7 based on the data and the recipe; and
 - 8 d) outputting the information on the processed products utilizing the network for
9 managing the supply chain.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the data includes an amount of the goods.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the recipe indicates a type and an amount of the
2 processed products required to produce each of the goods.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the information indicates a type and an amount of
2 the processed products.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the information is outputted utilizing a network-
2 based interface.
- 1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the network includes the Internet.
- 1 7. A system for inventory management utilizing a network-based framework,
2 comprising:

- 3 a) logic for receiving data from a plurality of stores of a supply chain utilizing a
4 network, the data relating to an amount of goods sold by the stores;
5 b) logic for identifying a recipe associated with each of the goods;
6 c) logic for calculating information on processed products required to produce the
7 goods based on the data and the recipe; and
8 d) logic for outputting the information on the processed products utilizing the
9 network for managing the supply chain.

1 8. The system of claim 7, wherein the data includes an amount of the goods.

1 9. The system of claim 7, wherein the recipe indicates a type and an amount of the
2 processed products required to produce each of the goods.

1 10. The system of claim 7, wherein the information indicates a type and an amount of
2 the processed products.

1 11. The system of claim 7, wherein the information is outputted utilizing a network-
2 based interface.

1 12. The system of claim 7, wherein the network includes the Internet.

1 13. A computer program product for inventory management utilizing a network-based
2 framework, comprising:
3 a) computer code for receiving data from a plurality of stores of a supply chain
4 utilizing a network, the data relating to an amount of goods sold by the stores;
5 b) computer code for identifying a recipe associated with each of the goods;
6 c) computer code for calculating information on processed products required to
7 produce the goods based on the data and the recipe; and
8 d) computer code for outputting the information on the processed products utilizing
9 the network for managing the supply chain.

- 1 14. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the data includes an amount
- 2 of the goods.

- 1 15. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the recipe indicates a type
- 2 and an amount of the processed products required to produce each of the goods.

- 1 16. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the information indicates a
- 2 type and an amount of the processed products.

- 1 17. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the information is outputted
- 2 utilizing a network-based interface.

- 1 18. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the network includes the
- 2 Internet.